

Request for Council Action

Originator Community Services	Item Community Center Task Force Report
Agenda Section Study Item	Date 10/10/2016
Description	

The City Council formed the Community Center Task Force in August 2015 to provide feedback on the potential future of a new community center. The Council appointed 17 individuals to the Task Force, with 80 percent selected from various facets of the community and 20 percent City staff. Another 12 individuals were appointed to serve as alternates.

The Community Center Task Force met eight times between April 4 through August 23, 2016. The focus of the Task Force's study was on the community center needs assessment report prepared by Hammel, Green and Abrahamson, Inc. in 2015. The report presents an assessment of the community's wants and needs for a multi-use community center, examines the condition and utility of the current Creekside Community Center and provides cost estimates for construction and operation of a new community center. The Task Force also studied information related to Bloomington's demographics, community amenities, market analysis, potential sites, fiscal implications and other data.

The City Council requested that the Community Center Task Force provide feedback and recommendations on the following topics:

1. Community needs and wants for a community/recreation center
2. Space considerations for a new community center (including satellite community centers or stand-alone approach)
3. Potential partnerships, both public and private
4. Potential site alternatives
5. Fiscal implications of a new community center

On October 3, 2016, the City received a petition signed by 340 people expressing support for an indoor turf field in Bloomington. The petition signers maintain that a new community center should include an indoor turf field. The Community Center Task Force report does not currently include indoor turf as one of the recommended community center amenities. The petition is enclosed with the agenda materials.

The Community Center Task Force will present its final report and recommendations on the items listed above to the City Council on October 10. The Task Force's full report to the City Council is attached.

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Informational purposes and direction on next steps.

Attachments:

Community Center Task Force Final Report presentation
Community Center Task Force Final Report
Attachment A - HGA Community Center Needs Assessment, April 27, 2015
Attachment B - Community Center Task Force Members Listing
Attachment C - Community Center Task Force meeting minutes
Attachment D - Community Center Task Force Charge
Attachment E - Community Center Task Force Expectations

Attachment F - Community Center Fact Sheets - Eagan, Eden Prairie, Maple Grove

Attachment G - Bloomington Community Amenities Map

Attachment H - Bloomington High School Student Survey Results, May 2016

Attachment I - Community Center Questions and Answers

Attachment J - Metro Area Community/Recreation Center Amenities and Demographics, July 19, 2016

Attachment K - Community Needs Addressed by Community Center, June 22, 2016

Attachment L - Community Center Site Options

Attachment M - Major Pillars of Needs Addressed by Community Center in Bloomington

Attachment N - HGA Community Center Construction Cost Estimate, April 20, 2015

Attachment O - Community Center Construction Financial Projections

Indoor Turf Field Petition, October 3, 2016